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C O N F I D E N T I A L CARACAS 2225

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: ASEC PINS VE
SUBJECT: US BUSINESSMAN TRAVEL

REF: STATE 54931

1. INTERNAL SECURITY SITUATION IN VENEZUELA POSES LITTLE
THREAT TO PRESENCE OF MR RUMSFELD. CARACAS IS MAJOR
LATIN AMERICAN FINANCIAL AND BUSINESS CENTER WITH MANY
US EXECUTIVES VISITING DAILY. THUS, HIS PRESENCE WOULD
NORMALLY ATTRACT LITTLE ATTENTION, PARTICULARLY IF HIS
CORPORATE CLIENTS DO NOT PUBLICIZE VISIT.

2. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT DURING LAST THREE WEEKS NUMEROUS
VENEZUELAN CITIES INCLUDING CARACAS HAVE BEEN SCENE OF
STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS, WHICH HAVE NOW TAPERED OFF. BASIC
CAUSE OF PROTESTS WAS POOR STUDENT FACILITIES. GOV HAS
PUBLICLY CLAIMED, WITH SOME REASON, THAT STUDENTS HAVE BEEN
EGGED ON BY FAR-LEFT AGITATORS. FOCUS OF DEMONSTRATIONS
WAS ON DOMESTIC ISSUES, AND DEMONSTRATIONS WERE LOCALIZED.

3. THIS YEAR IS A PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION YEAR AND
FAR-LEFT GROUPS MAY WELL ATTEMPT TO CREATE DISTURBANCES TO
EMBARRASS GOV DURING THE CAMPAIGN WHICH IS ALREADY
WELL UNDERWAY, ALBEIT UNOFFICIALLY. THE CAMPAIGN
OFFICIALLY BEGINS IN APRIL AND ENDS WITH ELECTIONS
IN DECEMBER. FOLLOWING PRESIDENT CARTER'S VISIT
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(MARCH 28, 29) EMBASSY WILL REPORT FURTHER CONCERNING
INFO WHICH MIGHT BEAR ON RUMSFELD VISIT.
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